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There are no overt indications that Markgraf's powers have been restricted. On the contrary he appears to have been granted extensive latitude in drawing up a training program for the paramilitary units stationed in Berlin. Markgraf's insistence upon having these units trained along military lines has been curbed by the Soviets only because they fear that this might result in an aggravation of local conditions. Markgraf has repeatedly stressed that he considers the four Berlin Bereitschaften a reinforced battalion. An outgrowth of this policy has been the organization of a staff section in the Polizeiprsidium, called Abteilung Bereitschaften, which in its essential features conforms to the pattern of a battalion staff. In carrying out the militarization of the Bereitschaften, Markgraf is assisted by Oberinspektor Albert Weymann, like Markgraf a professional soldier, who has been placed in charge of training.

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